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Micheal Ach was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 5, 1861, a son of John and Cecelia Ach, who were operating a small farm in Germany. Neither of his parents ever came to America, but continued their activities in Germany until their death. John Ach, father of Micheal, died in 1883, and the mother, Cecelia Ach, died in 1889, both parents were buried in Bavaria, Germany.

Micheal Ach received his early childhood education in the public schools of Germany from the age of six to thirteen, and then he attended a special course of one and one-half hours a week for three years, which they called Sunday school in Germany because the hours were on Sunday afternoon. After completing his schooling, Micheal Ach started to work as a laborer on different jobs on farms and for construction contractors until 1891.

Micheal came to America in 1891 and came directly to Saint Joseph, Minnesota, where he worked the first year on a farm. In 1892 he started to work in the brick yard of Hess and Moog, near Saint Augusta, Minnesota. From 1893 until 1896 he worked for Kropp Brothers, general contractors in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. In 1896 Micheal Ach started to work for the Great Northern Railway Company on the section crew in Saint Cloud for \$1.10 a day of ten hours each. In 1900 Micheal Ach was employed by the Preiss and Wimmer Brewing Company of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, where he was employed for twenty years, after which he returned to the Great Northern and worked in the Waite Park Car Shops for twelve years, when he was retired in 1932.

Micheal Ach was married in Saint Joseph Catholic Church to Barbara Zerrar who was a life long friend of the Ach family in the old country and came to America in 1892. The wedding was performed by Reverend Father Valentine, pastor of the Saint Joseph Catholic Church. To Micheal

and Barbara (Zerrar) Ach were born four children: Micheal G. Jr. died March 23, 1914 at the age of twenty-one years; Anna, died September 6, 1920 at the age of twenty-four years; Bernard G. of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Eleanor, Mrs. Clarence McLeod of Saint Cloud, Minnesota. There are four grandchildren, Donald, Robert, McLeod and Richard, William Ach of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Barbara (Zerrar) Ach died July 18, 1935 and was buried in Calvary Cemetery of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Micheal Ach lives in his family home at 815 Tenth Avenue North, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Micheal Ach
Date: September 17, 1936
By: N. P. Kruchten

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 290

Michael Ach and Barbara Zierer Married at St. Joseph July 19, 1891.

By Rev. Valentine Stimmler

Witnesses: Charles Mayer
Maria Mayer

DEATH RECORD BOOK G PAGE 8 LINE 279

Michael Ach born May 1, 1892 Son of Micheal Ach and Barbara Zierer
Died March 23, 1914 Age 21 years 10 months and 22 days.

DEATH RECORD BOOK M PAGE 21 LINE 558

Anna Ash born July 5, 1896 Daughter of Micheal Ach and Barbara Zierer
Died Oct. 6, 1920. Age 24 years 3 months and 1 day.

DEATH RECORD BOOK 2 PAGE 7 LINE 160

Barbara Ach born in Germany May 10, 1870 Daughter of John Zierer Mother
unknown. Died July 18, 1935 Age 65 years 2 months 8 days.

ACH, MICHAEL

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of name Barbara Zerrar is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION:

Michael Ach and Barbara Zerrar were married at St. Joseph, Minnesota on July 19, 1891, as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION:

Barbara came to America on July 1, 1891, the same as Michael Ach.

CORRECTION:

Death of Anna Ach on October 6, 1920 is correct as stated in the legal records.

ADDITION:

Michael Ach came to America on July 1, 1891.

Reinterviewed: Michael Ach
Date: December 27, 1937
By: Dean Nelson